An agriculturist by vocation, Shri Jha plunged into freedom struggle right from his college days and was imprisoned on several occasions. He gave up studies to join the freedom movement in 1942 and organized underground armed resistance force known as *Azad Dasta* in Purnea District and was arrested as security prisoner under DIR in 1944. Shri Jha also organized and conducted the Crop Shares Movement.

Shri Kamal Nath Jha had a long political career, which started with the membership of Bihar Legislative Assembly from 1962 to 1967. He represented the State of Bihar in this House from March, 1973 to April, 1974 and again from April, 1974 to January, 1980. Shri Jha was also a Member of the 7th Lok Sabha.

In the passing away of Shri Kamal Nath Jha, the country has lost a veteran freedom fighter and a noted parliamentarian.

We deeply mourn the passing away of Shri Devendra Prasad Singh, Shrimati Annapurna Devi Thimmal Reddy, Dr. Harbans Rai Bachchan and Shri Kamal Nath Jha.

I request Members to rise in their places and observe silence as a mark of respect to the memory of the departed.

(Hon'ble Members then stood in silence for one minute)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The Secretary-General will convey to the members of the bereaved families our deep sense of sorrow and sympathy.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Statement showing the Bills passed by the Houses of Parliament during the Hundred and Ninety-Seventh Session of the Rajya Sabha and assented to by the President.

SECRETARY GENERAL: Sir, I beg to lay on the Table a statement (in English and Hindi) showing the Bills passed by the Houses of Parliament during the Hundred and Ninety-Seventh Session of the Rajya Sabha and assented to by the President. [Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T.-6960/03]

THE CUSTOMS TARIFF (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE, 2003

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL) : Sir, I lay on the Table, under sub-clause (a) of clause (2) of Article 123 of the Constitution, a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Customs Tariff (Amendment) Ordinance, 2003 (No.1 of 2003) dated the 20th January, 2003. [Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T.-6959/03]

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The House is adjourned till 11 o'clock tomorrow, 18th February, 2003.

The House then adjourned at nine minutes past two of the clock till eleven of the clock on Tuesday, the 18th February, 2003.